

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s): Joseph Wayne Freeman, et al.  
Entitled: REDUCING THE BOOT TIME OF A TCPA BASED  
COMPUTING SYSTEM WHEN THE CORE ROOT OF TRUST  
MEASUREMENT IS EMBEDDED IN THE BOOT BLOCK  
CODE  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 9, 2007 (the "Office Action"), please amend the above-referenced patent application (the "Patent Application") as follows, and please further consider the following remarks establishing the patentability of the amended claims as recited herein:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.